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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:) Attorney Docket No.: F-192
Mark Bresnan, et al.) Group Art Unit: 3629
Serial No.: 09/628,496) Examiner: E. Cosimano
Filed: July 28, 2000) Date: 4 June 2004
Confirmation No.: 3808) Customer No. 00919
Title: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MAIL PIECE PRODUCTION
UTILIZING A DATA CENTER AND INTER-RELATED
COMMUNICATION NETWORKS**

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF AN APRIL 13, 2004,
DECISION ON A PETITION/DECLARATION TO WITHDRAW
HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT BASED UPON FAILURE TO
RECEIVE AN OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

1. On April 13, 2004, the Patent Office issued a decision, attached hereto as "Exhibit A", denying a July 9, 2003, Petition/Declaration To Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Based Upon Failure To Receive Office Action, attached hereto as "Exhibit B". The Attorney Docket Record was attached to Exhibit B.

2. The dismissal of the Petition was based upon the Patent Office's opinion that Petitioner failed to comply with requirement (3), namely, a copy of the docket record where the non-received Office communication would have been entered had it been received and docketed must be attached to and referenced in practitioner's statement.

3. The dismissal of the petition also stated:

"The attorney's docket record attached to the petition shows responses due spanning the period of August 1, 2002 to February 1, 2003. The petition indicates that the applications are listed by attorney docket number and that this application was assigned the identifier "F-192". The report with the heading "Tuesday, October 01, 2002" (page 34) makes reference to attorney docket number F-192 with a due date of 20-Nov-2002 (Follow Up Amendment). This same notation appears on the "Wednesday, November 06, 2002" (page 35) report with a due date of 20-Dec-2002 and the "Tuesday, December 03, 2002" (page 31) report with a due date of 20-Jan-2003. These reports appear to contradict Applicant's assertion that "I was unable to find a reference to the September 20, 2002, Patent office Action for F-192." To the contrary, it appears that the Action was in fact received, otherwise the due dates for F-192 would not have had the date of the 20th associated with the due dates listed in the reports. Clarification as to this discrepancy is required."

4. The Attorney Docket record with the heading "Tuesday, October 01, 2002" (page 34) of Exhibit B that makes reference to attorney docket number F-192 with a due date of 20-Nov-2002 (Follow Up Amendment) refers to following up on an amendment that was filed on December 20, 2001. A copy of the December 20, 2001, Amendment is attached hereto as "Exhibit C". After an amendment is filed and docketed in the Pitney Bowes Inc. computer system, the system automatically generates an attorney action item on the Docket Report to follow up the amendment nine months after the amendment was filed, i.e., consider checking the status and filing a status Request with the Patent Office. The follow up date is moved ahead one month on each subsequent Docket Report until an action from the Patent Office is received. The foregoing is the reason why 20-Dec-2002 Follow Up Amendment F-192 US appears on page 35 of the Wednesday, November 6, 2002, Docket Report in Exhibit B, and 20-Jan-2003 Follow

Up Amendment F-192 US appears on the Tuesday, December 3, 2002, Docket Report in Exhibit B.

5. To substantiate the meaning of the expression "Follow Up Amendment", the Patent Office is directed to Page 35 of the Tuesday, October 02, 2002 Docket Report in Exhibit B that indicates 27-Nov-2002 - Follow Up Amendment E-829 US. Attached as "Exhibit D" is a copy of a February 27, 2002, Amendment for E-829. Note November 27, 2002 is nine months after February 27, 2002. On page 35 of the Wednesday, November 06, 2002, Docket Report in Exhibit B 20-Dec-2002, Follow Up Amendment F-192 US appears.

6. To further substantiate the meaning of the expression "Follow-Up Amendment", the Patent Office is directed to page 37 of the Wednesday, November 06, 2002, Docket Report in Exhibit B that indicates 16-January-2003, Follow up Amendment F-193 US. Attached as Exhibit "E" is a copy of an April 16, 2002, Amendment for F-193. Note January 16, 2002, is nine months after April 16, 2002. On page 33 of the Tuesday, December 03, 2002, Docket Report in Exhibit B, 16-Feb-2003 Follow Up Amendment F-193 US appears.

7. On February 3, 2003, a Status Inquiry was mailed to the Patent Office inquiring the status of F-192, Serial No. 09/628,496. Attached hereto as Exhibit "F" is a copy of said Status Inquiry. Note that Exhibit "F" has an incorrect date of 3 February 2001 in the heading. The heading data should be 3 February 2003, which is the date indicated

on the Certificate of Mailing, and the date on the post card that was sent to the Patent Office. The Patent Office date stamp on the post card (copy attached as "Exhibit F-1") indicates that the Patent Office received the above document on February 10, 2003.

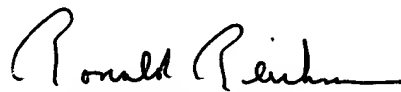
8. Attached hereto as Exhibit "G" is a Declaration from Robert E. Meyer that explains the meaning of "Follow Up Amendment" to Pitney Bowes Inc.

9. The Petition/Declaration To Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Based upon Failure To Receive Office Action of Ronald Reichman ("Exhibit "B'") is incorporated herein.

10. Applicants petition the USPTO to reconsider their April 13, 2004, Decision on a Petition/To Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Based Upon Failure To Receive an Office Action and withdraw the holding of Abandonment.

Respectfully submitted,

June 2, 2004.



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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MAIL PIECE
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DECISION ON PETITION

TO WITHDRAW THE

HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

F-192

Appeal Decision B JUN 04

This is in response to applicants' petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment filed January 12, 2004.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

A review of the file record reveals that a non-final Office Action (hereinafter "Action") was mailed to applicants on September 20, 2002. Since a response was not received before the expiration of the six month statutory period for reply, the application was held abandoned, and a Notice to that effect was mailed on April 22, 2003.

Applicant's petition submits a statement that the Office action mailed September 20, 2002 was not received until April 2003 when the examiner faxed the applicant a copy.

There is a strong presumption that Office communication properly addressed and delivered to the United States Postal Services, was in fact delivered to the addressee. An allegation that the Office communication was not received must be overcome by a showing that it was not received.

The showing required to establish non-receipt of an Office communication must include all of the following requirements:

- (1) A statement from the practitioner stating the Office communication was not received by the practitioner;
- (2) A statement attesting to the fact that a search of the file jacket and docket records indicates that the Office communication was not received; and

EXHIBIT A


- (3) A copy of the docket record where the non-received Office communication would have been entered had it been received and docketed must be attached to and referenced in practitioner's statement.

The docket records indicated above must include a copy of the list of all responses in the practitioner's office with the due date of December 20, 2002. See Notice entitled "Withdrawing the Holding of Abandonment When Office Actions Are Not Received," 1156 OG 53 (November 16, 1993). The petitioner has failed to comply with requirement (3) indicated above.

The attorney's docket record attached to the petition shows responses due spanning the period of August 1, 2002 to February 1, 2003. The petition indicates that the applications are listed by attorney docket number and that this application was assigned the identifier "F-192". The report with the heading "Tuesday, October 01, 2002" (page 34) makes reference to attorney docket number F-192 with a due date of 20-Nov-2002 (Follow Up Amendment). This same notation appears on the "Wednesday, November 06, 2002" (page 35) report with a due date of 20-Dec-2002 and the "Tuesday, December 03, 2002" (page 31) report with a due date of 20-Jan-2003. These reports appear to contradict applicant's assertion that "I was unable to find a reference to the September 20, 2002, Patent Office Action for F-192." To the contrary, it appears that the Action was in fact received, otherwise the due dates for F-192 would not have had the date of the 20th associated with the due dates listed in the reports. Clarification as to this discrepancy is required.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within **TWO (2) MONTHS** from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition Under 37 CFR 1.181."

Correspondence with respect to a Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment under *Delgar Inc. v. Schuyler* should be mailed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.



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Sir:

This is a Petition/Declaration pursuant to MPEP §711.03(c) to withdraw the April 22, 2003, holding of abandonment of the above-referenced patent application, which Petition/Declaration is based upon Applicants' failure to receive the Patent Office Action mailed September 20, 2002.

I, RONALD REICHMAN, do hereby declare and say:

1. I am employed by Pitney Bowes Inc., the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the above-referenced patent application, as a Senior Corporate Counsel in the Intellectual Property and Technology Law Department.

2. I am an attorney of record in the above-referenced patent application. My United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") Registration number is 26,796.

3. Sometime in 2001, the above-referenced patent application was transferred to my docket.

4. On June 1, 2001, I filed a response in the USPTO to the March 2, 2001, Patent Office Action.

5. The Patent Office Action of September 20, 2002, was not received until sometime in April 2003, when Examiner Cosimano faxed applicant a copy of the Patent Office Action of September 20, 2002.

6. I searched the file jacket of the above-referenced patent application and was unable to find the Patent Office Action of September 20, 2002, listed thereon.

7. Pitney Bowes Inc. maintains a docket by attorney of all outstanding Patent Office Actions. The Pitney Bowes Inc. docket number for the above-referenced patent application is F-192.

8. If the Patent Office Action dated September 20, 2002, was received by Pitney Bowes Inc. for F-192, it should have appeared in the dockets dated October 1, 2002; November 6, 2002; and December 3, 2002, "Due Date List By Attorney" Ronald Reichman, copies of said dockets attached hereto.

9. I searched the October 1, 2002, November 6, 2002, and December 3, 2002, Due Date List for Ronald Reichman, and I was unable to find a reference to the September 20, 2002, Patent Office Action for F-192.

10. I am of the opinion that Pitney Bowes Inc. never received the September 20, 2002, Patent Office Action for F-192.

11. A response to the September 20, 2002, Patent Office Action is attached hereto. The response is being filed within three (3) months of the April 22, 2003, Holding of Abandonment.

Applicants petition the USPTO to grant this Petition and withdraw the holding of abandonment.

July 9, 2003.

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Attorney: RR Ronald Reichman

Due Date	Action Due	Case Number/Country/SubCase	Status
02-Sep-2002	Cite WIPO Search Report	F-417/US/	Pending
		<i>Title:</i> METHOD FOR UTILIZING A FRAGILE WATERMARK FOR ENHANCED SECURITY	
03-Sep-2002	Respond to PCT Written Opinion	F-198/WO/	Exam Req
		<i>Title:</i> METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SELECTIVELY UPDATING RATING DATA AND SOFTWARE DATA VIA INTERNET OR INTRANET IN A CARRIER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM	
19-Sep-2002	Notice of Appeal Due	F-143/US/	Amended
		<i>Title:</i> ENVELOPE PRINTER WITH FLAP OPENER	
28-Sep-2002	Respond EP Search Report	E-985/EP/	Pending
		<i>Title:</i> MESSAGING SERVICES FOR UNIQUELY IDENTIFIED MAIL	
28-Sep-2002	Cite PCT Search Report	F-138/US/	Published
		<i>Title:</i> METHOD FOR DETERMINING THE INFORMATION CAPACITY OF A PAPER CHANNEL AND FOR DESIGNING OR SELECTING A SET OF BITMAPS REPRESENTATIVE OF SYMBOLS TO BE PRINTED ON SAID CHANNEL	
28-Sep-2002	Respond EP Search Report	F-183/EP/	Pending
		<i>Title:</i> RECIPIENT ELECTED MESSAGING SERVICES	
30-Sep-2002	Corresp US/EP Case Info Due	E-214/CA/	Exam Req
		<i>Title:</i> FLUORESCENT PIGMENTED INK COMPOSITION HAVING USE IN A BUBBLE JET INK JET PRINTER	
02-Oct-2002	Article 19 Amendment Due	F-417/WO/	Pending
		<i>Title:</i> METHOD FOR UTILIZING A FRAGILE WATERMARK FOR ENHANCED SECURITY	
12-Oct-2002	Cite PCT Search Report	F-163/US/	Amended
		<i>Title:</i> METHOD FOR AUTOMATICALLY READING ELECTRONIC TICKETS	
17-Oct-2002	Review for Reissue	E-689/US/	Granted
		<i>Title:</i> SYSTEM FOR TRACKING THE RECEIPT AND INTERNAL DELIVERY OF ITEMS SUCH AS PACKAGES	
19-Oct-2002	Follow Up Petition to Revoke	E-214/US/	Abandoned
		<i>Title:</i> FLUORESCENT PIGMENTED INK COMPOSITION HAVING USE IN A BUBBLE JET INK JET PRINTER	
22-Oct-2002	Response to Official Action	E-620/CN/	Exam Req
		<i>Title:</i> PIXEL SPLITTING TO IMPROVE BAR CODE READABILITY	
24-Oct-2002	Review for Reissue	E-763/US/	Granted
		<i>Title:</i> METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PRESORTING MAIL BASED ON MAIL PIECE THICKNESS	
26-Oct-2002	Final Amendment Due in 1 month	E-781/US/	Amended
		<i>Title:</i> METHOD FOR RESPONDING TO MAIL RETURNED TO A SENDER AS UNDELIVERABLE	

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28-Oct-2002	Final Amendment Due in 1 month	F-153/US/ <i>Title:</i> METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TRANSPORTING MAILPIECES IN A PRINTING STATION	Amended
31-Oct-2002	Amendment Due	E-982/US/ <i>Title:</i> SYSTEM FOR CONDUCTING BUSINESS OVER THE INTERNET	Pending
02-Nov-2002	New Application Status	F-206/US/ <i>Title:</i> VIRTUAL BOOKSHELF FOR ONLINE STORAGE USE AND SALE OF MATERIAL	Pending
06-Nov-2002	Verify Issued	E-879/US/ <i>Title:</i> METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TABBING FOLDED MATERIAL	Allowed
07-Nov-2002	Review for Reissue	E-715/US/ <i>Title:</i> USAGE OF DUAL LUMINESCENT INKS TO PRODUCE A POSTAL ORIENTING AND SORTING IDENTIFICATION MARK FOR AN INFORMATION-BASED INDICIA	Granted
10-Nov-2002	Verify Issued	E-922/US/ <i>Title:</i> METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LIMITING TORQUE IN A FEEDER	Allowed
12-Nov-2002	Amendment Due	E-749/US/ <i>Title:</i> ENVELOPE THAT IS CONDUCTIVE TO PRINTING A FACING IDENTIFICATION MARK WITH AN INFORMATION BASED INDICIA	Amended
14-Nov-2002	Follow Up Appeal	E-629/US/ <i>Title:</i> METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPORTING INFORMATION FROM A NETWORK RESOURCE	Appealed
16-Nov-2002	Verify Issued	E-877/US/ <i>Title:</i> TRAINABLE DATABASE FOR USE IN A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR RETURNING A NON-SCALE-BASED PARCEL WEIGHT	Allowed
16-Nov-2002	Amendment Due	E-925/US/ <i>Title:</i> METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DATA REPOSITORY	Pending
20-Nov-2002	Amendment Due	F-154/US/ <i>Title:</i> DYNAMICALLY RECONFIGURABLE TURNKEY SYSTEM	Pending
20-Nov-2002	Follow Up Amendment	F-192/US/ <i>Title:</i> METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MAIL PIECE PRODUCTION UTILIZING A DATA CENTER AND INTER-RELATED COMMUNICATION NETWORKS	Amended
21-Nov-2002	Amendment Due	E-816/US/ <i>Title:</i> METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PRINT STREAM JOB DETERMINATION AND ANALYSIS	Pending

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21-Nov-2002	New Application Status	F-198/US/	Pending
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24-Nov-2002	Final Amendment Due in 1 month	E-855/US/	Amended
		<i>Title:</i> MESSAGE AUTOMATED INFORMATION SYSTEM AND IMPORTANCE NAVIGATOR	
25-Nov-2002	Follow Up Appeal	E-427/US/	Appealed
		<i>Title:</i> METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TRACKING A PERSON'S TIME AT A LOCATION	
26-Nov-2002	Final Amendment Due	E-781/US/	Amended
		<i>Title:</i> METHOD FOR RESPONDING TO MAIL RETURNED TO A SENDER AS UNDELIVERABLE	
27-Nov-2002	Follow Up Amendment	E-829/US/	Pending
		<i>Title:</i> METHOD AND SYSTEM OF DETERMINING A JOB TICKET FOR A PRINT STREAM DETERMINING PROCESS	
27-Nov-2002	Amendment Due	E-924/US/	Pending
		<i>Title:</i> METHOD AND PROCESS FOR PROVIDING POSTAL DISCOUNTING	
27-Nov-2002	New Application Status	F-112/US/	Published
		<i>Title:</i> METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR BATCH MAIL PROCESSING UTILIZING A WEB BROWSER IN A POSTAL OR SHIPPING SYSTEM	
27-Nov-2002	New Application Status	F-185/US/	Pending
		<i>Title:</i> METHOD FOR RETURNING MERCHANDISE	
27-Nov-2002	Amendment Due	F-230/US/	Published
		<i>Title:</i> METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR REMOTE PRINTING OF DOCUMENTS	
28-Nov-2002	Follow Up Amendment	E-934/US/	Amended
		<i>Title:</i> DATA TRANSFER MODULE AND SYSTEM USING SAME	
28-Nov-2002	Final Amendment Due	F-153/US/	Amended
		<i>Title:</i> METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TRANSPORTING MAILPIECES IN A PRINTING STATION	
28-Nov-2002	New Application Status	F-171/US/	Pending
		<i>Title:</i> INTERACTIVE MARKETING AND MESSAGING	
02-Dec-2002	Follow Up Appeal	E-812/US/	Appealed
		<i>Title:</i> REMOTELY ACCESSIBLE LEGACY DOCUMENT STORAGE AND SERVICE APPARATUS AND VARIOUS ACCESS DEVICES FOR ACCESSING SAID APPARATUS	
05-Dec-2002	Amendment Due	E-952/US/	Pending
		<i>Title:</i> SYSTEM FOR METERING AND AUDITING THE DOTS OR DROPS OR PULSES PRODUCED BY A DIGITAL PRINTER IN PRINTING AN ARBITRARY GRAPHIC	

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		<i>Title:</i> METHOD FOR DETERMINING A PRINTER'S SIGNATURE AND THE NUMBER OF DOTS PER INCH PRINTED IN A DOCUMENT TO PROVIDE PROOF THAT THE PRINTER PRINTED A PARTICULAR DOCUMENT	
06-Dec-2002	Follow Up Appeal	E-264/US/	Appealed
		<i>Title:</i> METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING THE MASS OF AN ARTICLE USING A LOAD CELL	
08-Dec-2002	New Application Status	F-114/US/	Pending
		<i>Title:</i> METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR REFILLING A METER WITH POSTAGE OVER THE INTERNET	
09-Dec-2002	Follow up Appeal Decision	E-513/US/	Appealed
		<i>Title:</i> SECURE MONEY ORDER ISSUING KIOSK	
10-Dec-2002	Follow Up Appeal	E-792/US/	Appealed
		<i>Title:</i> DIGITAL PRINTING, METERING, AND RECORDING OF GRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON THE FACE OF A MAIL PIECE	
10-Dec-2002	Amendment Due	E-949/US/	Amended
		<i>Title:</i> METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR REPORTING CARRIER DELIVERY STATUS TO A MAILER	
10-Dec-2002	Information Disclosure Stmt	F-457/US/	Pending
		<i>Title:</i> METHOD FOR DETECTING AND REDIRECTING MISDIRECTED MAIL	
10-Dec-2002	Information Disclosure Stmt	F-483/US/	Pending
		<i>Title:</i> METHOD FOR PROCESSING AND DELIVERING REGISTERED MAIL	
10-Dec-2002	Information Disclosure Stmt	F-484/US/	Pending
		<i>Title:</i> METHOD FOR DETECTING AND REDIRECTING MAJOR MAILER'S SPECIAL SERVICE MAIL	
10-Dec-2002	Information Disclosure Stmt	F-538/US/	Pending
		<i>Title:</i> METHOD FOR MAINTAINING THE INTEGRITY OF A MAILING USING RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION TAGS	
14-Dec-2002	Follow Up Amend After Appeal	E-574/US/	Amended
		<i>Title:</i> SYSTEM FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF INFORMATION BASED INDICIA AND POSTAGE SECURITY DEVICES	
23-Dec-2002	Amendment Due	F-139/US/	Published
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28-Dec-2002	New Application Status	F-138/US/	Published
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01-Aug-2002	Information Disclosure Stmt	F-456/US/	Pending
		Title: METHOD FOR TAGGING MAIL	
01-Aug-2002	Information Disclosure Stmt	F-480/US/	Pending
		Title: METHOD FOR PRINTING A MANIFEST OR STATEMENT OF MAILING HAVING A PATTERN THAT MATCHES A PATTERN PRINTED ON THE EDGES OF MAIL PIECES CONTAINED IN A TRAY	
03-Sep-2002	Respond to PCT Written Opinion	F-198/WO/	Exam Req
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		<i>Title:</i> METHOD FOR THE RECOVERY OF UNUSABLE PRINTED POSTAGE	
30-Jan-2003	Follow Up Appeal	F-175/US/	Appealed
		<i>Title:</i> METHOD FOR COLLECTING SALES AND/OR USE TAXES ON SALES THAT ARE MADE VIA THE INTERNET AND/OR CATALOG	
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8-Sep-2002	Respond EP Search Report	E-985/EP/	Pending
		<i>Title:</i> MESSAGING SERVICES FOR UNIQUELY IDENTIFIED MAIL	
8-Sep-2002	Cite PCT Search Report	F-138/US/	Published
		<i>Title:</i> METHOD FOR DETERMINING THE INFORMATION CAPACITY OF A PAPER CHANNEL AND FOR DESIGNING OR SELECTING A SET OF BITMAPS REPRESENTATIVE OF SYMBOLS TO BE PRINTED ON SAID CHANNEL	
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		<i>Title:</i> FLUORESCENT PIGMENTED INK COMPOSITION HAVING USE IN A BUBBLE JET INK JET PRINTER	
2-Dec-2002	Cite PCT Search Report	F-230/US/	Amended
		<i>Title:</i> METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR REMOTE PRINTING OF DOCUMENTS	
2-Dec-2002	Article 19 Amendment Due	F-230/WO/	Exam Req
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27-Jan-2003	Follow Up Amendment	E-829/US/ <i>Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM OF DETERMINING A JOB TICKET FOR A PRINT STREAM DETERMINING PROCESS</i>	Amended

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15-Feb-2003	Information Disclosure Stmt	F-514/US/	Pending
		<i>Title:</i> METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CONVEYING FUNDS AND SECURE INFORMATION BETWEEN SECURE DEVICES	
16-Feb-2003	Follow Up Amendment	F-193/US/	Amended
		<i>Title:</i> METHOD FOR OBTAINING SECURE RECEIPTS SALES AND/OR USE TAXES ON SALES THAT ARE MADE VIA THE INTERNET AND/OR CATALOG	
18-Feb-2003	Amendment Due	E-830/US/	Amended
		<i>Title:</i> METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ELECTRONIC FRAUD/RISK MANAGEMENT	
22-Feb-2003	New Application Status	F-200/US/	Pending
		<i>Title:</i> SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MODIFYING PARCEL RATING RESULTS BASED ON MARKUPS, DISCOUNTS AND PRICING PROGRAMS	
23-Feb-2003	New Application Status	E-962/US/	Pending
		<i>Title:</i> SECURE TAX METER AND CERTIFIED SERVICE PROVIDER CENTER FOR COLLECTING SALES AND/OR USE TAXES ON SALES THAT ARE MADE VIA THE INTERNET AND/OR CATALOG	
23-Feb-2003	New Application Status	F-268/US/	Pending
		<i>Title:</i> SECURE TAX METER FOR COLLECTING SALES AND/OR USE TAXES ON SALES THAT ARE MADE VIA THE INTERNET AND/OR CATALOG	
25-Feb-2003	Follow Up Appeal	E-427/US/	Appealed
		<i>Title:</i> METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TRACKING A PERSON'S TIME AT A LOCATION	
27-Feb-2003	Review for Reissue	E-702/US/	Granted
		<i>Title:</i> METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PRINTING A MAIL LIST IN PRESORT ORDER ON MULTIPLE PRINTERS	



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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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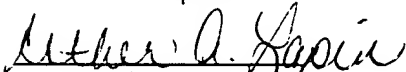
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In response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2001, attached are:

- 1.) Appropriate Remarks; and
- 2.) A version with markings to show the changes made.

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REMARKS

Reconsideration of this Application is requested.

In the Declaration and Power of Attorney signed September 19, 2000 and September 23, 2000, Applicants included the following statement "we will surrender said Patent upon notice of allowability of the subject application".

The Examiner indicated that the amendments filed on July 28, 2000 and August 6, 2001, do not conform to 37 CFR §1.173; 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(i); 37 CFR §1.121(b)(1)(ii); 37 CFR §(1.121(b)(2)(i)(A); 37 CFR §1.121(b)(2)(i)(C); 37 CFR §1.121(b)(2)(iii); and 37 CFR § (1.121(b)(6)

Applicants have amended the specification and claims to overcome the above.

The Examiner has objected to the disclosure, because it is confusing on page 8, lines 22-24. The disclosure has been amended to indicate that the input to step 376 comes from C5.

The Examiner has objected to the August 6, 2001, Amendment under 35 USC §132, because it introduces new matter into the disclosure. The Examiner is of the opinion that the disclosure as originally filed does not provide support for using permit mail. In the summary of the invention at page 2, lines 39-43, Applicants stated:

"Once the document has been printed, the document is inserted into the envelope by inserting means to form an unfinished mail piece. The unfinished mail piece is sealed and then franked with appropriate postage in order to form a finished mail piece."

On page 4, lines 7-17, the issued patent application states:

"At step 118, the printed document is merged with the printed envelope to create an unfinished mail piece. From step 118, the method advances to step 120 where the unfinished mail piece is franked with appropriate postage by a postage meter and then placed into the mail stream at step 122".

The addition of the expression "if it is not permit mail or mail having a postage stamp" after the word "franked" in the above two paragraphs is not new matter. One skilled in the postage art knows that the USPS requires postage to be applied to a finished mail piece that will be accepted by the USPS. Postage may be paid by affixing a stamp to the mail piece, affixing a postal indicia to the mail piece with an approved postage meter, or by permit mail.

The United States Postal Service "Glossary of Postal Terms", Publication No. 32, Pub. May 1997, defines the terms "permit" and "permit imprint" on page 83 as follows:

"permit - Any authorization required for specific types of preparation or postage payment. Specifically, an authorization to mail without postage affixed by using indicia or an imprint. Payment is made against an advance deposit account that is established with the USPS for postage and services.

permit imprint - Printed indicia, instead of an adhesive postage stamp or meter stamp that shows postage prepayment by an authorized mailer. (Also see *permit*).

This Amendment adds the expression "or mail having a postage stamp" so that the new added expression in the above paragraph reads "...if it is not permit mail or mail having a postage stamp" to the paragraph mentioned on page 2 and page 4. Applicants are just clarifying the application by listing ways to pay for postage, which is well known to those having ordinary skill in the art.

See *Chisum On Patents* Vol. 4 §11.04[2][a] which reads as follows:

[a] - Clarifications. Court decisions state, in various ways, that specifications may be amended to "clarify" the original disclosure; thus: (1) "insertions by way of amendment in the description or drawing, or both, of a patent application do not invalidate the patent, if they are only in amplification and explanation of what was already reasonably indicated to be within the invention"; (2) "amendments may be made to patent applications for the purpose of curing defects, obvious to one skilled in the art, in the drawings or written descriptions of inventions"; (3) "an amendment to an application is not 'new

matter' within the Patent Act or Rules of the Patent Office unless it discloses 'an invention, process or apparatus not theretofore described.'...If the later-submitted material accused of being 'new matter' simply clarifies or completes the prior disclosure it cannot be treated as 'new matter.'...Moreover the determination of the Patent Office to admit the later-submitted material accused of being 'new matter' simply clarifies or completes the prior disclosure it cannot be treated as 'new matter.'...Moreover, the determination of the Patent Office to admit the later-submitted material, thereby signifying that the Patent Office does not consider it to be 'new matter,' is presumptively correct.", (4) "the amendments to the specification merely render explicit what had been implicitly disclosed originally, and, while new language has certainly been added, we are not prone to view all new 'language' ipso facto as 'new matter.'"..."

The Examiner has objected to the specification and claim 51 under 35 USC §112 as not providing support for the invention as now claimed. The Examiner is of the opinion that the use of permit mail is new matter. For the reasons mentioned above, the use of permit mail is not new matter.

Claims 20, 24, 28-39 and 43-47 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 USC §112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. The Examiner is of the opinion that claims 20, 24, 28-39 and 44-47 fail to recite that the item of mail is franked and, hence, is not a finished mail piece as the instant invention is intended to produce.

In claim 20 and those claims dependent thereon, Applicants are claiming a method for producing a mail piece. The mailer may pay the postage for mailing the mail piece by affixing a stamp to the mail piece, affixing a permit imprint to the mail piece, or affixing a postal indicia to the mail piece with an approved postage meter. Thus, claim 20 and those claims dependent thereon are not indefinite. Claim 20 and those claims dependent thereon are not inoperative, since a mail piece does not have to be franked to be a finished mail piece. The mail piece may be permit mail or stamped mail.

The Examiner was not able to determine the scope and meaning of claim 43, since claim 43 did not conform to the requirements of 37 CFR §1.173; 37 CFR §1.121(b)(2)(i)(A); 37 CFR §1.121(b)(2)(i)(C); 37 CFR §1.121(b)(2)(iii); and 37 CFR §1.121(b)(6). Claim 43 has been completely underlined to comply with the above regulations.

Claims 1-4, 6-12, 15-36, 38-46 and 48-50 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Cordery, et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,628,249) or Harman, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,684,706), or Baker, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,067,305) or Murcko, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,476,255) in view of Humes, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,377,120) and common practice.

Cordery discloses the following in column 1, line 64 to column 2, line 14:

“...an apparatus and method for producing a mail piece, wherein the apparatus includes a first printer for printing a document and a mail finishing unit for receiving the document from the first printer and inserting the document into an envelope to form a mail piece. The mail finishing unit includes a second printer for printing an address on the envelope prior to insertion of the document into the envelope. The apparatus also includes a controller which is responsive to mail piece data; the mail piece data including first data for defining the document and second data for defining the address to be printed on the document. In accordance with the method of the subject invention the document is printed in the first printer and the envelope is printed with the corresponding address in the second printer prior to insertion of the document into the envelope and the printed document and printed envelope are fed along separate paths to an inserter where the document is inserted into the envelope.”

Harman discloses the following in column 1, line 66 to column 2, line 14:

“...a system including a plurality of apparatus for producing a mail piece, wherein the apparatus each include a first printer for printing a document and a mail finishing unit for receiving the document from the first printer and combining the document with an envelope to form a mail piece. The mail finishing unit includes a mechanism for franking the mail piece. The apparatus also includes a controller

which is responsive to mail piece data; the mail piece data including first data for defining the document and second data for defining the address to be printed on the document and postal data defining a postage value for the mail piece. The controller controls the first printer to print documents in accordance with the document data and controls the franking mechanism to frank the mail piece with the postage value."

Baker discloses the following in column 3, lines 1-16:

"...an apparatus which includes an input for input of information defining a mail piece configuration and sheet processing apparatus for accumulating sheets with an envelope form, folding the accumulated sheets and envelope form, and then sealing the envelope form to form the mail piece; where the folder sealer apparatus has a capacity to fold a predetermined maximum number of sheets. The apparatus of the subject invention also includes a control system for determining the number of sheets in the mail piece in accordance with the defining information and, if the number of sheets is less than the maximum, controlling the folder sealer apparatus in accordance with the defining information to form the mail piece in the configuration, and, if the number of sheets is greater than the maximum, aborting operation of the folder sealer apparatus without forming the mail piece."

Murcko discloses the following in column 3, lines 7-13

"...a means of a mechanism for feeding sheets from a stack which include a low force feed device for urging the top sheet of the stack forward, and a combined device for receiving the top sheet, corrugating the top sheet, singulating the top sheet from a following sheet which may have adhered to the top sheet and feeding the top sheet forward for further processing."

Humes discloses the following in column 2, lines 39-61:

"...a machine for lowering the mailing costs of small volume merchants by producing bundles for low postal rate mailings which are made up of the commingled pieces from a plurality of merchants. The machine comprises, in the preferred embodiment, a first computer operable to combine the mailing lists of a plurality of merchants and group the addresses on the mailing lists according to the lowers postal rate. The first computer is further operable to generate the address information required by postal regulations, such as bar codes or zip+4 numbers, for each address; and to further assign a merchant-identifier tag to each address thus creating a merged data base of the merchants' mailing lists. The first computer is further operable to generate documentation for the

post office as well as individual client invoices. A second computer serves as a sequence controller to operate mail piece handling machinery according to the grouped addresses. The present invention further comprises the mail piece handling machinery for physical commingling and addressing of the different merchants non-alike pieces."

The art cited by the Examiner does not disclose or anticipate, separately or together, the method and system of defining and producing the finished mail piece claimed by Applicants. Applicants claim a method and system that allow a user to select at a first node a plurality of characteristics that define a mailing. Once the selections have been made, the selected information is transmitted to a terminal node, wherein the terminal node is not under the control of the first node so that the terminal node may control the time of production of mail pieces. The terminal node may also direct the production of mail pieces to mail production means for producing the mail. Hence, the mail piece may be directed to specific mail production means so that mail pieces may be produced efficiently or produced at a site that is closer to the recipient of the mail piece. Thus, the mail piece may be delivered in less time since it may be produced at a site and subsequently mailed from a site that is closer to the recipient.

The art cited by the Examiner in claim 1 and those claims dependent thereon, does not disclose or anticipate steps d, e, and h of claim 1, namely,

- (d) transmitting said print job to a terminal node wherein said terminal node is not co-located with, nor under the control of, said first node;
- (e) receiving said print job at said terminal node, said terminal node for receiving said print job and for directing said print job to a mail production means for producing said mail piece, said mail production means further comprising:
 - (i) a first printer; and

- (ii) a second printer;

Cordery, Harman, Baker, Murcko, or Humes, taken separately or together, do not disclose or anticipate claim 15 and those claims dependent thereon. The above references do not allow one to control the time for producing a mail piece at a mail production site that may be located close to the recipient of the mail piece to reduce the time for delivering the mail piece. Elements b, and c are not disclosed or anticipated by the above references:

(b) transmission means for transmitting said mailing to a second data processing means wherein said second data processing means is not co-located with, nor under the control of, said first data processing means;

(c) second data processing means for receiving said mailing and downloading said mailing to a plurality of printer means comprising a first printer and a second printer;

Claims 5, 37 and 47 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over either Cordery, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,628,249) or Harman, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,684,706) or Baker, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,067,305) or Murcko, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,476,255) as modified by Humes, et al. (5,377,120) and in view of common practice.

Claim 5 is dependent on claim 1, and claims 37 and 47 include all of the limitations of claim 20. As previously mentioned, the cited art does not include the limitations of independent claims 1 and 20. Furthermore, the cited art does not disclose or anticipate a receipt that is indicative of a print job that is generated by a terminal node and transmitted to a first node as claimed in claim 5. The cited art does not disclose or

anticipate the manner in which claim 37 utilizes a terminal node to provide an indication to a first node that mail has been placed into the mail stream for delivery.

The cited art also does not disclose or anticipate a second data processing means that provides an indication to the first data processing means that mail has been placed in a mail stream for delivery.

Claims 13 and 14 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Harman, et al. as modified by Humes, et al. and in view of common practice.

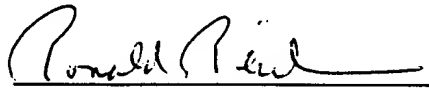
The cited art or general practice does not disclose a second node that makes the distribution based upon the availability of the second node as claimed in claim 13. The supplies available are not the only factor that has to be determined by the second node to make the distribution. The availability of the equipment to generate the mail piece must also be considered.

The cited art or general practice does not disclose or anticipate a distribution that is determined by the location of the terminal node as claimed in claim 14. This allows mail pieces to be produced at a site that is located closer to the recipient of the mail piece. Thus, the mail piece may be delivered in less time since it may be produced at a site and subsequently mailed from a site that is closer to the recipient. This is especially important to posts in the developing world where it takes a great deal of time to deliver mail between two regions of the country.

In view of the foregoing amendments and Remarks, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-51 of this Application are now in condition for allowance, and favorable

action thereon is requested. Will the Examiner please call the attorney noted below to schedule a telephone conference to discuss this Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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In the specification:

Page 2, fourth full paragraph, line 42:

Once the document has been printed, the document is inserted into the envelope by inserting means to form an unfinished mail piece. The unfinished mail piece is sealed and then franked if it is not permit mail or mail having a postage stamp with appropriate postage in order to form a finished mail piece. The mail piece is then placed into a mail stream for delivery to the destination address. A receipt indicative of the print job and delivery into the mail stream may be optionally generated by the terminal node and transmitted to the first node. A[n] feature available is the use of postal coding and duplicate detection as applied to the address list.

Page 4, first full paragraph, line 15:

At step 118, the printed document is merged with the printed envelope to create an unfinished mail piece. A number of different actions can be accomplished at this step. The printed media is manually or automatically inserted into the appropriate envelope, the envelopes can be stacked by stackers or redirected via transport means, weighed, and, the unfinished mail piece can be sealed by a sealer if required. From step 118, the method advances to step 120 where the unfinished mailpiece is franked if it is not permit mail or mail having a postage stamp with appropriate postage by a postage meter and then placed into the mail stream at step 122.

Page 8, third full paragraph, lines 24-25 and lines 34-35:

Turning to FIG. 5D, there is shown a series of selections that can be made to further define the parameters of the requested mailing. The method flow begins with a query at step 376[;additionally, path]. The input to step [376] 376 comes from C5 [coming from (FIG. 5C) re-enters the flow at step 376]. At step 376, the method queries as to whether or not the system operator wants to continue defining the mailing. If the response is "YES," then the method advances to step 386; otherwise, if the response to the query at step 376 is "NO," then the method advances to a query at step 378. At step 378, the method queries as to whether or not the system operator is done defining the mailing. If the response to the query is "NO," then the method advances to step 380 where the system user presses "CANCEL" and [any entries made in defining the mailing are not] erases only the data entered from the last point of saving while the rest of the entered data will be retained within the system memory. If the response to the query at step 378 is "YES," then the method advances to step 382 where the system user presses "DONE" to save the current entries. Both steps 380 and 382, advance to step 384 where the system returns the user to the Main Menu.

In the claims:

1. (Amended) A method of defining and producing a finished mail piece, comprising the steps of:
 - (a) selecting at a first node, a plurality of characteristics which together define a mailing;

- (b) creating a document and storing said document in electronic form[;], then directing that said stored document be included in a print job comprising said mailing;
- (c) creating an address list comprising one or more destination addresses and storing said address list in electronic form and then selecting said stored address list for inclusion in said print job;
- (d) transmitting said print job to a terminal node wherein said terminal node is not co-located with, nor under the control of, said first node;
- (e) receiving said print job at said terminal node[;], said terminal node for receiving said print job and for directing said print job to a mail production means for producing said mail piece[;], said mail production means further comprising:
 - (i) a first printer; and
 - (ii) a second printer;
- (f) printing on said first printer said destination address to an envelope wherein each of said destination addresses is printed to a corresponding envelope;
- (g) printing on said second printer said document, wherein said document is printed in accordance with characteristics selected at said first node;

(h) inserting said printed document into said printed envelope to form an unfinished mail piece;

(i) sealing said unfinished mail piece;

(j) franking said unfinished mail piece, in accordance with characteristics selected at said first node and with characteristics determined at said second node, in order to form a finished mail piece; and

(k) placing said finished mail piece into a mail stream for delivery to said destination address printed thereon.

3. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said each of said destination addresses comprising said stored address list is compared to a predetermined database of correct addresses wherein each address is matched with a corresponding zip code[;], and, if said each of said destination addresses does not match said correct address then said non-matching address is corrected to match said correct address.

18. (Amended) The system of claim 15, wherein said system further comprises a plurality of nodes wherein one node is an initiating node and a second node is a terminal node[;], and, if there are more than two nodes in said system, then said first and said second printer means are located at said terminal node.

38. (Amended) A system for producing a mail piece, comprising:

first data processing means for selecting a document, selecting an address list including one or more destination addresses, and selecting a plurality of characteristics which define a mailing;

second data processing means for receiving said selected document, address list and characteristics and directing said selected document, address list and characteristics to a mail production means, wherein said second data processing means is not co-located with, nor under the control of, said first data processing means;

said mail production means comprising first means for printing said selected document in accordance with one or more of said selected characteristics, second means for printing each of said destination addresses to a corresponding envelope, and means for inserting said printed document into a corresponding printed envelope.

43. (Amended) A system according to claim 38, wherein said document and said address list are stored in electronic form.

48. The method claimed in claim 1, wherein in step (h), the destination address information on said document matches said destination address on said envelope if said document contains specific address information.

49. The system claimed in claim 15, wherein said destination address information on said document matches the destination address on said envelope if the document contains specific address information.

50. The method claimed in claim 20, wherein said destination address information on said document matches said destination address on said envelope if said document contains specific address information.

51. The method according to claim 22, wherein said evidence of postage is a permit mail postal indicia.

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:

) Attorney Docket No.: E-829

John P. Lynch, et al.

) Group Art Unit: 2153

Serial No.: 09/222,640

) Examiner: Dung C. Dinh

Filed: December 30, 1998

) Date: February 27, 2002



Title: **METHOD AND SYSTEM OF DETERMINING A JOB TICKET FOR A PRINT STREAM DETERMINING PROCESS**

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 21, 2001, attached are:

- 1.) A clean version of replacement paragraph 1-3 on page 1 and replacement claims 2 thru 7;
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Page 1, paragraphs 1 thru 3:

Related Applications

Reference is made to Application Serial Number 09/222,745, entitled A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PRINT STREAM JOB DETERMINATION AND ANALYSIS, assigned to the assignee of this application and filed on even date herewith.

Reference is made to Application Serial Number 09/223,348, entitled MESSAGE STRUCTURE FOR A PRINT STREAM DETERMINING AND ANALYSIS SYSTEM, assigned to the assignee of this application and filed on even date herewith.

Reference is made to Application Serial Number 09/223,304, entitled A METHOD OF ESTABLISHING A SET OF PRINT STREAM OBJECTS IN AN OBJECT ORIENTED ENVIRONMENT, assigned to the assignee of this application and filed on even date herewith.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1 and 13-17.

2. The method of claim 7, wherein said unique job message identifier is representative of a particular print processing job.
3. The method of claim 7, wherein said particular print processing job comprises a printer selection routine.
4. The method of claim 7, wherein said particular print processing job comprises an inserter instruction set.

5. The method of claim 7, wherein said particular print processing job comprises a communication instruction set.
6. The method of claim 7, wherein said job ticket template is created by a system operator to form a model for subsequent job tickets created during said ticket matching step and wherein said template is copied during said ticket matching step to create a new job ticket instance.
7. A method of establishing a job ticket representative of a print stream job to be performed by a client server, the method comprising the steps of:
 - (a) receiving a unique job message identifier from a server client;
 - (b) locating a job ticket template database representative of a set of unique job message identifiers;
 - (c) matching said received unique job message identifier with a job ticket template located in said job ticket template database, wherein said matching step further comprises;
 - (i) plotting each element of said unique message identifier to identify a set of elements to be mapped against a corresponding job ticket template;
 - (ii) selecting a database comprising a set of one or more job ticket templates;
 - (iii) mapping said unique message identifier against each one of said one or more job ticket templates;
 - (iv) determining whether or not a first match exists between said unique message identifier and any one of said one or more job ticket templates; and, if a first match exists then selecting said determined matched template to establish a new job ticket; and, if no first match exists, then determining the next closest match between said unique message identifier and said any one of said one or more job ticket templates to establish a second match; and

(d) determining whether or not a match exists between said received unique job message identifier and said job ticket template; and, if said match exists then creating a job ticket instance; and, if said match does not exist then creating a new job ticket template; and endowing said new job ticket template with a set of print job parameters representative of said print stream job.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this Application is requested.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 7-12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 7 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 1. Thus, claims 7 and those claims dependent thereon, namely, claims 2-6 and 8-12, should be allowable.

If the Examiner has any questions, would he please contact the undersigned at the telephone number noted below.

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Related Applications

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Reference is made to Application Serial Number _____ (Attorney
Docket No. ~~E-834~~) 09/223,348, entitled MESSAGE STRUCTURE FOR A PRINT
STREAM DETERMINING AND ANALYSIS SYSTEM, assigned to the assignee of this
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PRINT STREAM OBJECTS IN AN OBJECT ORIENTED ENVIRONMENT, assigned to
the assignee of this application and filed on even date herewith.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1 and 13-17.

74. A method of establishing a job ticket representative of a print stream job to be
performed by a client server, the method comprising the steps of:
- (a) receiving a unique job message identifier from a server client;
 - (b) locating a job ticket template database representative of a set of
unique job message identifiers;

(c) matching said received unique job message identifier with a job ticket template located in said job ticket template database, wherein said matching step further comprises;

(i) plotting each element of said unique message identifier to identify a set of elements to be mapped against a corresponding job ticket template;

(ii) selecting a database comprising a set of one or more job ticket templates;

(iii) mapping said unique message identifier against each one of said one or more job ticket templates;

(iv) determining whether or not a first match exists between said unique message identifier and any one of said one or more job ticket templates; and, if a first match exists then selecting said determined matched template to establish a new job ticket; and, if no first match exists, then determining the next closest match between said unique message identifier and said any one of said one or more job ticket templates to establish a second match; and

(d) determining whether or not a match exists between said received unique job message identifier and said job ticket template; and, if said match exists then creating a job ticket instance; and, if said match does not exist then creating a new job ticket template; and endowing said new job ticket template with a set of print job parameters representative of said print stream job.

2. The method of claim 74, wherein said unique job message identifier is representative of a particular print processing job.
3. The method of claim 74, wherein said particular print processing job comprises a printer selection routine.
4. The method of claim 74, wherein said particular print processing job comprises an inserter instruction set.

5. The method of claim 74, wherein said particular print processing job comprises a communication instruction set.
6. The method of claim 74, wherein said job ticket template is created by a system operator to form a model for subsequent job tickets created during said ticket matching step and wherein said template is copied during said ticket matching step to create a new job ticket instance.



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In re patent application of:)
Frederick W. Ryan, Jr.) Attorney Docket No.: F-193
Serial No.: 09/634,040) Group Art Unit: 2167
Filed: August 8, 2000) Date: April 16, 2002

Title: **METHOD FOR OBTAINING SECURE RECEIPTS SALES AND/OR
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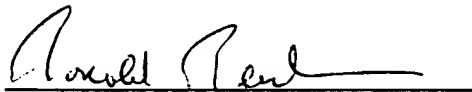
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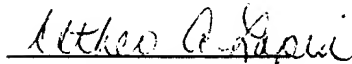
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Clean Version of Replacement Paragraphs

In the claims:

1. (Twice Amended) A method for obtaining secure receipts for sales and/or uses taxes paid on remote sales, said method includes the steps of:

A) collecting information regarding remote sales made by buyers;

B) calculating the correct taxing jurisdictions sales and/or use tax to be paid by buyers for remote sales;

C) collecting by sellers from buyers the correct sales and/or use tax;

D) collecting by an agent the correct sales and/or use tax received by sellers;

E) segmenting by the agent, the seller's sales and/or use taxes and the information collected by the sellers for particular taxing jurisdictions, into different computer data bases, wherein the identity of the seller is not revealed to the taxing jurisdiction; and

F) generating a secure physical receipt for the sales and/or use tax collected.

11. (Amended) The method claimed in claim 1, wherein the seller sales are also segmented into different computer data bases for each buyer.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

The Examiner has requested information under 37 CFR §1.105. The Examiner requested the following: "Any an [sic] all documentation supporting and/or unsupporting the term "segmenting" as used in the claims of this application. For example the Ryan patent '473 is deemed material to the segmenting aspect of this case; it is owned by the assigned but was not cited."

Ryan's U.S. Patent No. 6,192,473 B1 relates to authentication between a postal security device (PSD) and a meter server without the need of a third party. The term "segmenting" or its equivalent does not appear in the '473 patent. The access control mechanism disclosed in the '473 patent has nothing to do with the segmenting of data.

Claim 1 has been provisionally rejected by the Examiner under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of copending Application No. 09/634041.

A Terminal Disclaimer has been filed to overcome the double patenting rejection.

Claims 1-18 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The Examiner is of the opinion that it is unclear from the specification what is being done when the agent segments data into different data bases.

Page 6, line 22 to page 7, line 12 of Applicant's specification clearly define what is being done when the agent segments, i.e., separates data into different data bases.

Claims 1-18 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to clearly indicate that the agent segments the seller's sales and/or use taxes and the information collected by the sellers for particular taxing jurisdictions into different computer data bases.

Claims 7, 11, 15, 16 and 17 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Chong in view of Francisco, et al. and Appendix A of RFP 6/1/2000.

Chong discloses the following in column 4, lines 43-62:

"In Appendix A, an example of the screen interface with the user for the customer file maintenance module 31 is shown. This input interface allows the user to add new customer data records, change existing records, or delete inactive records. In particular, the input screen has field (1) for entering a customer identification number, field (2) for the customer name, fields (3-7) for the address, field (16) for the customer location code, field (24) for the tax rate code, and field (25) for the tax type code.

The customer location code indicates the applicable state taxing authority for sales to that customer. The code number is indexed to the corresponding support file generated by the tax authority (customer location) maintenance module 32. For the specific application of sales tax reporting, the primary tax authority for a company in the U.S. is the state and city or county where the company is located.

The tax rate code corresponds to the tax percentage that this customer is normally subject to."

Francisco discloses the following in column 1, lines 44-53:

"Sales tax rates and the items taxed vary from state to state. In most states, a Certificate of Authority is issued by the state government to retail establishments, this certificate authorizing retailers to collect sales tax from public consumers and then, in turn, pay over all collected sales tax proceeds to the state treasury. When cash transactions occur or inadequate records are kept, retailers sometimes fail to report the transactions and do not turn over the sales tax collected thereon."

Francisco discloses the following in column 2, lines 16-28:

"The consumer has no way of knowing if the collected sales tax is being turned over to the appropriate authorities.

It is apparent from the above that there exists a need in the art for a system and corresponding equipment and method to be implemented which increases the percentage of retailer transactions and collected sales tax forwarded to state and federal government agencies. By ensuring that a larger percentage of retail transactions are reported to taxing authorities and that a greater amount of the overall sales tax collected by retailers is paid over to state treasuries, local and federal economies can be more efficiently run and a lesser number of violators will slip through the cracks."

The following appears in the RFP in Appendix A on page 25 under the heading /.

Model 1:

"Description: Under this model, a retailer selects a CSP as an agent to perform all the retailer's sales tax functions. The agent then determines the amount of tax due, pays the tax to the states, and files returns with the states using a CAS."

Chong, Francisco or RFP, taken separately or together, do not disclose or anticipate the method for collecting sales and/or use taxes claimed in claim 1 as amended and those claims dependent thereon.

The cited references do not disclose or anticipate a method in which an agent of the taxing jurisdiction obtains secure receipts for sales and/or use taxes paid on remote sales that are segmented into different computer data bases, wherein the identity of the seller is not revealed to the taxing jurisdiction and generates a secure physical receipt for the sales and/or use tax collected.

A unique and unobvious aspect of Applicant's claimed invention is that an agent does not reveal to the taxing jurisdiction the identify of the seller.

The Examiner stated: "Re claims 1, 5 and 6 Francisco discloses issuing a receipt at 71 which is deemed "secure" by virtue of being fixed." Applicant respectfully disagrees. The act of fixing a receipt, i.e., by printing the receipt, does not make the receipt secure, i.e., the receipt may be photocopied and changed (increasing the value

of the receipt when it is photocopied). The receipt is secure if the authenticity of the receipt may be established, i.e., having the receipt digitally signed. Applicant discloses in Fig. 3 and page 13, line 16 to page 14, line 7 a secure receipt 30. The presence of two-dimensional bar code 31 and the manner in which it is generated make receipt 30 secure. Applicant, in claim 1 and those claims dependent thereon, claims the generation of a secure physical receipt for the sales and/or use tax collected. The art cited by the Examiner do not disclose or anticipate the generation of a secure receipt.

Claims 7, 8, 9 and 10 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Chong in view of Francisco et al. and Appendix A of RFP 6/1/2000 and further in view of Dent.

Dent discloses the following in line 33-47 of column 2:

“When a first party agrees to transfer an asset to a second party as part of an electronic trade, the owner retrieves the doubly-encrypted asset description from the database and decrypts it using his secret key. The first party then re-encrypts the asset using the public key of the other party and transmits the result to the second party. Only the second party can decrypt the transmitted message using his secret key, so the information cannot be stolen in transit. The second party decrypts the message using his or her secret key and then decrypts it again using the public key of the issuing or guaranteeing institution. If the description of the asset matches the expectations of the second party, he or she can be assured that the asset exists and its tradeability is guaranteed by the issuing institution, without needing to contact the issuing institution.”

Dent is not generating a physical, secure receipt. Dent is utilizing a public key encryption algorithm to secure electronic communication between parties.

Claims 1, 12, 13 and 14 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Chong in view of Francisco et al. and Appendix A of RFP 6/1/2000 as applied to claims 1-5, 8-28 above, and further in view of Longfield. While it is true that Longfield discloses the filing of tax returns and the

financing by an agent, the cited references do not disclose or anticipate a method in which an agent of the taxing jurisdiction obtains secure receipts for sales and/or use taxes paid on remote sales that are segmented into different computer data bases, wherein the identity of the seller is not revealed to the taxing jurisdiction and generates a secure physical receipt for the sales and/or use tax collected.

A unique and unobvious aspect of Applicant's claimed invention is that an agent does not reveal to the taxing jurisdiction the identify of the seller.

Claims 1-7, 11, 15, 16 and 17 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Francisco et al and Appendix A of RFP 6/1/2000 in view of Boothby et al.

Boothby et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,223,187 B1) discloses the following in lines 20-32 of column 2:

"In one aspect, the invention features a computer implemented method for synchronizing a first database located on a first computer and a second database located on a second computer. At the first computer, it is determined whether a record of the first database has been changed or added since a previous synchronization, using a first history file located on the first computer comprising records representative of records of the first database at the completion of the previous synchronization. If the record of the first database has not been changed or added since the previous synchronization, the first computer sends the second computer information which the second computer uses to identify the record of the first database to be unchanged."

Boothby discloses a method for synchronizing a first data base with a second data base. The cited references do not disclose or anticipate a method in which an agent of the taxing jurisdiction obtains secure receipts for sales and/or use taxes paid on remote sales that are segmented into different computer data bases, wherein the identity of the seller is not revealed to the taxing jurisdiction and generates a secure physical receipt for the sales and/or use tax collected.

A unique and unobvious aspect of Applicant's claimed invention is that an agent does not reveal to the taxing jurisdiction the identity of the seller.

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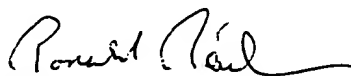
claims 1, 12, 13, and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Boothby et al. and Francisco et al. and Appendix A of RFP 6/1/2000 as applied to claims 1-5, 8-28 above, and further in view of Longfield. The cited references do not disclose or anticipate a method in which an agent of the taxing jurisdiction obtains secure receipts for sales and/or use taxes paid on remote sales that are segmented into different computer data bases, wherein the identity of the seller is not revealed to the taxing jurisdiction and generates a secure physical receipt for the sales and/or use tax collected.

A unique and unobvious aspect of Applicant's claimed invention is that an agent does not reveal to the taxing jurisdiction the identity of the seller.

In view of the above, claims 1-18 as amended are patentable. If the Examiner has any questions, the resolution of which he believes would be advanced by a

telephone conversation with Applicant's attorney, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number noted below.

Respectfully submitted,



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In the claims:

1. (Twice Amended) A method for obtaining secure receipts for sales and/or uses taxes paid on remote sales, said method includes the steps of:

A) collecting information regarding remote sales made by buyers;

B) calculating the correct taxing jurisdictions sales and/or use tax to be paid by buyers for remote sales;

C) collecting by sellers from buyers the correct sales and/or use tax;

D) collecting by an agent the correct sales and/or use tax received by sellers;

E) segmenting by the agent, the seller's sales and/or use taxes and the information collected by the sellers for particular taxing jurisdictions, into different computer data bases, wherein the identity of the seller is not revealed to the taxing jurisdiction; and

F) generating a secure physical receipt for the sales and/or use tax collected.

11. (Amended) The method claimed in claim 1, wherein the seller sales are also segmented into different computer data bases for each buyer.



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:) Attorney Docket No.: F-192
Mark Bresnan, et al.) Group Art Unit: 2161
Serial No.: 09/628,496) Examiner: E. Cosimano
Filed: July 28, 2000) Date: 3 February 2001
Title: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MAIL PIECE PRODUCTION
UTILIZING A DATA CENTER AND INTER-RELATED
COMMUNICATION NETWORKS**

STATUS INQUIRY – AMENDED PATENT APPLICATION

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More than eighteen (18) months have passed since the filing on August 2, 2001 of a response in the above identified patent application. No Communication has been received from the Patent and Trademark Office indicating action on this application.

Therefore, applicants wish to inquire as to the present status of the above-identified pending patent application.

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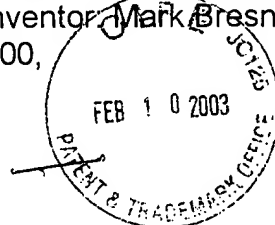
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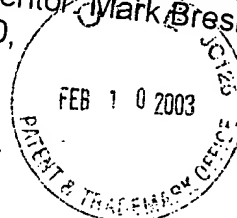
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**DECLARATION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT BASED UPON
FAILURE TO RECEIVE OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

This is a Declaration in support of a request for reconsideration of an April 13, 2004, decision on a Petition to Withdraw a Holding of Abandonment of the above-referenced patent application based upon Applicants' failure to receive a Patent Office Action mailed September 20, 2002.

I, Robert E. Meyer, do hereby declare and say:

1. I am employed by Pitney Bowes Inc., the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the above-referenced patent application, as a Patent Agent in the Intellectual Property and Technology Law Department. I have worked in that capacity for over 20 years.

2. I am an agent of record in the above-referenced patent application. My United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") Registration number is 26,307.

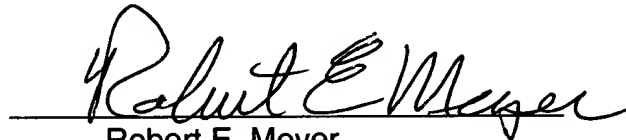
3. As part of my duties at Pitney Bowes Inc., I am responsible and have been responsible for over 20 years, for making sure that the Attorney Docket reports are properly prepared. An example of an Attorney Docket Report is shown in Exhibit "B" to Applicants' Request for Reconsideration of an April 13, 2004, Decision on a Petition To Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Based Upon Failure to Receive An Office Action, of which this "Declaration" is "Exhibit G".

4. As part of the Pitney Bowes Inc. computerized docketing procedures, an action item is automatically created to follow up on all documents sent to the USPTO if a response is not received in a reasonable amount of time, i.e. filing of a new application, filing of an amendment, payment of an issue fee. Specifically, after an amendment is filed and docketed in the computer system, the system automatically generates an attorney action item on the Docket Report to "Follow Up Amendment" nine months after the amendment was filed. The meaning of the expression "Follow Up Amendment" in the Docket Report is "check the status of the previously filed amendment since no reply has been received from the USPTO and file a Status Request with the USPTO". So as not to indicate a due date in the current month on a follow up item, the follow up date is moved ahead one month on each subsequent Docket Report until an Action from the Patent Office is received.

5. In the Attorney Docket report with the heading "Tuesday, October 01, 2002" (page 34) of Exhibit B of Request for Reconsideration of An April 13, 2004, Decision On A Petition To Withdraw Holding Of Abandonment Based Upon Failure To Receive An Office Action ("Request"), the record that makes reference to attorney docket number F-192 with a due date of 20-Nov-2002 and action due of "Follow Up Amendment" refers to following up on an amendment that was filed on December 20, 2001. A copy of the December 20, 2001, Amendment is attached hereto as "Exhibit C" of the Request.

6. In view of the entry described in item 5 above, it is apparent that no further Office Action had been received as of October 1, 2002.

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